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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was fully steady in the West, steady at best in the East depending on size, and steady elsewhere. Retail demand was light to moderate, food service was fair to good, best for fast food. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs; however, in the Northeast, heavier sized product was more available and often discounted. In the parts structure, wings were adequate to tight and continued to move well, and dark meat was mostly sufficient. Breast items were irregularly available, with some areas showing an increase, but others were closer balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 68.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 64.00 cents last year on August 14, 2002

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	206.00
BREASTS - B/S	210.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	108.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.50
LEG QUARTERS	32.00
WINGS	75.50

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**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was slow to fair, food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were barely adequate to short of an active call, breast items were adequate to close balanced, and dark meat was mixed, but available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was noted as light to fair during midweek trading. Offerings of the 3 pound and larger birds had increased in availability with discounting noted. The lighter weights were sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was only fair at best. The market tone was barely steady to weak on the heavier birds and no better than steady on the smaller sizes. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were sufficient. Wings were clearing well.

**MIDWEST** Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was mostly steady. Offerings of additional whole birds and Wogs were adequate for the light to fair trade needs. Retail and food service demand for the most part was light to moderate, best into food service with occasionally good movement into fast food promotions. Floor stocks were adequate for immediate needs; weights were in a desirable range. Inquiry on parts items was fairly good for wings, light to fair on breast cuts and limited on dark meat items. Supplies of wings were adequate to tight, boneless/skinless and whole breasts adequate to barely adequate, thighs plentiful and leg quarters were available. The market tone was steady to firm on wings, unsettled on breast items, steady on leg quarters.

**WESTERN** The market tone was fully steady. Offerings were generally adequate. Retailer demand was moderate to good best for parts and to cover features. Floor stocks adequate for current needs. The market tone on parts was fully steady with white meat items in the strongest position.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 08/09/03	2003	2002
EGGS SET	207,339	205,483
CHICKS PLACED	169,877	168,467
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		+01
		+01

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 9, 2003. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 9, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through August 9, 2003 were 5.38 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 20-Sep-03 is estimated at 155.2 million head. This compares to 154.1 million head the previous week and to 159.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 56.69 cents per pound.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 13, 2003

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE				(000)	RANGE		
BREAST - B/S	879	177.00-240.00	177-182	181.20	BREAST - B/S	909	173.00-240.00	175-182	179.40
TENDERLOINS	170	142.00-214.00	-	168.67	TENDERLOINS	272	148.00-215.00	148-150	156.26
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	93.00-112.00	94-96	96.86	BREAST - LINE RUN	109	93.00-112.00	93-96	96.50
FRONT HALVES	75	80.00-88.00	-	83.73	FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	113	31.00-50.00	31-33	33.76	LEGS	115	30.00-50.00	31-33	33.71
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	626	25.00-28.00	26-28	26.94	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	633	25.00-28.00	26-27	26.92
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,060	27.00-34.00	27-30	28.57	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,051	26.00-34.00	28-29	28.82
WINGS (WHOLE)	265	68.00-77.00	-	75.13	WINGS (WHOLE)	265	68.00-79.00	-	76.64
WINGS (CUT)	317	79.00-86.00	83-85	82.41	WINGS (CUT)	709	79.00-85.00	82-85	83.24
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	22	50.00-60.00	-	53.64
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	28	49.00-53.00	-	50.14
B/S THIGHS	55	68.00-88.00	-	75.27	B/S THIGHS	57	68.00-87.00	-	75.51

\*\*\*\*\* F.O.B. DOCK. \*\*\*\*\*

RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		5-DAY AVERAGE	
52.50 - 58.00		55.34		52.50 - 58.00		55.92		55.38	

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was no better than fair and noted as typical of midweek trading. Offerings of breast items had increased in availability at some locations. Dark meat cuts were sufficient. Wings continued to clear well. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was fully steady on wings, no better than steady on breast items and about steady on the balance.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. **AUGUST 12, 2003**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**			TRADING*	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	185	182.66	536,077	BREAST - B/S	185	179.82	552,150
TENDERLOINS	140-145	139.67	182,800	TENDERLOINS	140-145	142.53	97,170
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	92.96	183,680	BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	92.44	227,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	88.82	126,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	87	88.58	94,800
LEGS	37-38	35.69	279,640	LEGS	37-38	36.08	318,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.57	478,777	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.39	400,117
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	37.26	177,270	DRUMSTICKS	33-34	37.69	109,270
THIGHS	26-27	38.91	60,760	THIGHS	26-27	38.02	64,380
B/S THIGHS	69-70	73.74	79,110	B/S THIGHS	69-70	74.86	74,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	65-66	71.82	192,320	WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67	75.07	217,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.19	38,640	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.75	34,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	31.84	7,980	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	28.75	11,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	45.18	20,780	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	44.40	24,480

\*\*\*\*\* INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \*\*\*\*\*

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	08/13	08/12	08/11	08/08	08/11	08/08	08/06	08/04
ALA	3,998	4,057	3,944	4,180	5.24	4.98	4,025	5.23
ARK	5,301	5,362	5,182	5,696	5.06	4.84	5,105	5.04
DELMARVA	2,366	2,355	2,337	2,519	5.42	5.41	2,266	5.47
KY-LA-TN	1,930	1,978	1,971	2,354	4.97	4.59	1,877	4.87
MISS	2,952	3,220	3,071	3,264	5.38	5.26	2,938	5.39
NC	2,583	2,840	2,600	2,659	6.14	5.93	2,582	6.09
TEXAS	2,477	2,476	2,461	2,566	5.02	4.77	2,435	4.97
TOTAL	21,607	22,288	21,566	23,192	5.29	5.08	21,228	5.26
MON-WED	65,688(A)				64,328(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 8/13 is estimated to be 32,326,000 up 1.5percent from a week ago and up 1.9percent from a year ago.  
(Last week 31,855,000; last year 31,721,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		91-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP		80-95
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		63
DUCKS		-
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	107-108
	ICE PACK	100-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	113
	ICE PACK	104-105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-98
	DRY PACK	
DUCKS		155-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 09-AUG-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/16/03 (1)	08/09/03
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	166,729 (2)	161,889
LT HENS	1,226	1,135
HVY HENS	1,534	1,521
CHECK TOTAL	169,489	164,545

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Aug-03 is 161.7 million head compared to 161.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 167.1 million head or 5.4 million more than estimated available. For week of 23-Aug-03 the estimated available is 160.3 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 08/11/03	217,308	58,509
AM 08/01/03	217,186	59,026
CHG	122	-517
PCT CHG	0	-1

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	8/11/03	8/04/03	8/12/02	8/11/03	8/04/03	8/12/02
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	15,718	17,289	28,840	7,409	7,746	5,545
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	138	147	669	2,980	3,018	4,107

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 11, 2003

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		58-62
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-67

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

	LOW HIGH AVG				FOR 8/12/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	1.40	.62	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	6.00	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	5.50	-
BANTAMS lb.	.75	2.40	1.30	BANTAMS ea.	1.50	7.50	-
BROILERS lb.	.30	.55	.37	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.50	1.50	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.00	7.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.75	2.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.50	1.90	1.25	ROOSTERS ea.	1.00	7.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	5.00	6.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	8.00	-
DUCKS lb.	.70	1.80	.89	DUCKS ea.	2.50	14.50	-
RABBITS lb.	.30	1.15	.76	RABBITS ea.	2.75	4.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	5.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	3.00	6.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	2.00	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	1.75	2.25	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 170

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending August 8, 2003

	Whole		Legs	Necks,Back	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	w/ Thighs	&Wings	Gizzards	
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	53.23	119.23	76.65	8.52	12.77	59.61
High	57.49	127.75	85.16	12.77	17.03	59.61
Mostly	55.36	119.23	76.65	8.52	12.77	59.61

**SAN JUAN**

Low	53.23	119.23	72.39	8.52	12.77	57.49
High	57.49	127.75	76.65	12.77	17.03	57.49
Mostly	55.36	119.23	72.39	8.52	12.77	57.49

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	52.80	119.23	8.52	12.77	12.77	57.49
High	57.06	127.75	12.77	17.03	17.03	57.49
Mostly	55.36	119.23	8.52	12.77	12.77	57.49

**BECERRA**

Low	53.23	119.23	76.65	8.52	12.77	59.61
High	57.91	127.75	85.16	12.77	17.03	59.61
Mostly	55.36	127.75	85.16	12.77	12.77	59.61

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as light to fair and typical of normal, lighter mid- week, mid month activity. Offerings were adequate and in the closer, better balance on the 2.50 and 3.00 pound sizes. Heavier weights were available and somewhat slow in clearing. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, wings were well cleared to short. Bone-in breasts were fully adequate. Other cuts were adequate and in manageable balance.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	55-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	61.46
NO. OF BOXES	7,597

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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